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An apparatus for changing the speed of bicycles, more particularly, an apparatus that changes the speed of bicycles using inner gears within a rear wheel hub and controls the inner gears by means of controllers mounted on a hub shaft. The apparatus includes: a driven sprocket receiving the driving force of a driving sprocket; a speed controlling portion, which includes a carrier that is fixed to one side of the driven sprocket, containing a plurality of planetary gears with ratchet-teeth formed along their inner circumferences; at least two sun gears for engaging each step of the planetary gears at their ratchet-teeth; a ring gear engaging the other side of the planetary gears; an output portion, including a hub shell transferring the driving force to the rear wheel by means of the carrier and the ring gear; a clutch means mounted between the carrier and the hub shell, and the ring gear and the hub shell, which selectively mediates the driving force; and a speed-change controlling portion. The speed-change controlling portion includes: a hub shaft having a pawl-positioning portion; at least two sets of pawls which engage with or release from the ratchet-teeth of the two or more sun gears; a pawl-controlling ring that controls the position of the two or more sets of pawls; a transforming disk having a groove along its outer circumference with a hooking portion at a certain position thereon, in order to transform the position of the pawl-controlling ring via a mediating portion; a spring for restoring the position of the transforming disk to its original position; and a spacing portion enabling the transforming disk to rotate freely.



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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of March 6, 2002 in respect to the above-identified Application, the Abstract has been rewritten in marked-up and clean form, both of which are attached hereto. The undersigned certifies that no new matter has thereby been introduced.

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An apparatus for changing the speed of bicycles, more particularly, an apparatus [for changing speed of bicycles] that changes the speed of bicycles using inner gears [inside] within a rear wheel hub and [controlling] controls the inner gears [with] by means of controllers mounted on a hub shaft. The apparatus [is comprising] includes: a driven sprocket receiving the driving force of a driving sprocket; a speed controlling portion, which [is comprising] includes a carrier that is fixed to one side of the driven sprocket, containing a plurality of planetary gears with ratchet-teeth formed along their inner circumferences [is installed]; at least two sun gears [that are] for engaging [with] each step of the planetary gears [and] at their ratchet-teeth [is formed along inner circumference]; a ring gear [that is] engaging [with] the other side of the planetary gears; an output portion, [which is comprising] including a hub shell transferring the driving force to [a] the rear wheel by means of the carrier and the ring gear; a clutch means mounted between the carrier and the hub shell, and the ring gear and the hub shell, [that is mediating] which selectively mediates the driving force [selectively with being mounted between the carrier and the hub shell, and the ring gear and the hub shell]; and a speed-change controlling portion[, which is comprising] The speed-change controlling portion includes: a hub shaft having a pawl-positioning portion; at least two sets of pawls which [are engaging or releasing] engage with or release from the ratchet-teeth of the [t least] two or more sun gears; a pawl-controlling ring that [is controlling] controls the position of the [at least] two [set] or more sets of pawls; a transforming disk having a groove along its outer circumference[, that a] with a hooking portion [is formed] at a certain position [on the outer circumference] thereon, in order to transform the position of the pawl-controlling ring via a mediating portion; a spring [that is] for restoring the position of the transforming disk to its original position; and a spacing portion enabling the transforming disk to rotate freely.